

TABLE 9
LIBRARY STANDARDS

Population Size	Vols. per Capita	No. of Seats Per 1000 Pop.	Circulation Vol. Per Capita	Total Square Feet Per Capita
Under 10,000	3.5 - 5	10	10	.7 - .8
10,000- 35,000	2.75 - 3	5	9.5	.6 - .65
35,000 - 100,000	2.5 - 2.75	3	9	.5 - .6

Based on these standards the Rockingham County Library system should have a book collection of approximately 174,000 volumes. The branch that serves Leaksville and Spray should have approximately 7200 square feet of floor area and the Draper unit should have around 2300 square feet of reading room, stack area, and work space.

Considerations

The Central Library building which also houses the Leaksville Branch of the Rockingham County Public Library is no longer adequate for both facilities. The building is crowded and its location has few of the desirable principles enumerated in the list above. Although the location of the library is easily accessible from the Leaksville-Spray Junior High School, a site nearer the center of activity would provide better service to general adult readers the library should be serving. Studies indicate that trips to the library are usually combined with other routine activities. The Leaksville unit will be able to provide better service if it is located as near the center of pedestrian traffic as possible.